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Pol Dasht (39-21N, 45-05E)

1. The following rail traffic was observed at Pol Dasht on the indicated dates:

6 August 1950

Eastbound, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: 3 trains made up of 21 tank cars, 55 closed cars, 14 passenger cars.

Westbound, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: 3 trains made up of 13 passenger cars, 2 tank cars, 1 car loaded with telephone wire, 37 closed cars, 1 car loaded with chopped wood, and 1 car loaded with 12 field guns.

2 trains made up of 16 passenger cars and 40 closed cars left Nakhichevan, direction unknown.

7-8 August
(single report for
2 days)

Eastbound, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: 6 trains made up of 23 cars loaded with kerosene, 73 closed cars, 2 boxcars, and 30 passenger cars.

Eastbound (sic, Westbound?), Nakhichevan to Yerevan: 7 trains made up of 128 boxcars, 9 cars loaded with automobiles, 5 tank cars, 15 passenger cars, and 16 cars loaded with sealed boxes.

Westbound, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 7 trains made up of 32 passenger cars, 4 cars loaded with automobiles, 96 boxcars, and 1 carload of iron pipes.

9-12 August
(report for 4 days)

Eastbound, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: 7 trains made up of 64 passenger cars, 31 closed cars.

Westbound, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 13 trains made up of 21 tank cars, 145 closed cars, 64 passenger cars, 2 cars loaded with automobiles, 2 cars loaded with sealed boxes.

Westbound, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: 11 trains made up of 105 closed cars, 56 passenger cars, 4 tank cars, 2 cars loaded with automobiles, 1 car loaded with closed boxes; 1 train made up of 32 tank cars loaded with closed boxes.

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Dzhulfa (38-56N, 45-37E)

2. The following rail traffic was observed at Dzhulfa on the indicated dates:

3-5 August

Eastbound, Dzhulfa to Ordubad: 1 train pulled 2 boxed drilling machines.East and westbound, between Nakhichevan and Dzhulfa: 5 trains with 45 boxcars, 67 gondola cars carrying coal, lumber, planks, boxes, large wire pulleys, 5 kerosene tanks (sic).East and westbound, between Ordubad, Dzhulfa, and Nakhichevan: 3 trains passed through the above points and returned.Westbound, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: 5 trains made up of 123 boxcars, 25 gondola cars loaded with planks, lumber, coal, 1 automobile, 4 trucks, 10 drilling machines, 2 motors, 1 box, 1 field gun, and 3 kerosene tanks.East and westbound, Dzhulfa to Ordubad: 7 trains with 69 boxcars, 35 gondola cars; each train pulled by two locomotives.

night 7 11 trains, make-up unknown.

night 5 trains went from Ordubad to Nakhichevan via Dzhulfa and returned to Ordubad over the same route.

6 August

Westbound, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: 1 passenger train made up of 13 coaches and 1 boxcar. 1 train made up of 28 boxcars, 2 tank cars, 11 boxcars loaded with planks and poles. 6 trains, composition unknown.

night

Westbound, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 1 passenger train made up of 89 boxcars, 1 truck, 1 automobile, some boxes of automobile accessories, and 6 tank cars. 6 trains, composition unknown.

1 automobile

night

Eastbound, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: 1 passenger train made up of 23 coaches and 1 freight car. 6 trains, composition unknown.

night

Eastbound, Dzhulfa to Ordubad: 1 train made up of 13 coaches and 1 freight car. 6 trains, make-up unknown.

night

7 August

Eastbound, Dzhulfa to Ordubad: 2 trains pulling 38 covered coaches, 8 tank cars, 12 flat cars, and 8 boxcars.East and westbound, between Dzhulfa and Ordubad: 4 trains pulling 70 covered coaches, 78 gondola cars carrying 1 truck, great quantities of planks, coal, 7 of the cars carried tractors, 134 automobiles, 4 tank cars. 6 trains, make-up unknown.

night

Westbound, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 1 train pulling 14 coaches and 1 covered coach.Westbound, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 1 train pulling 69 carloads of coal, planks, iron, 1 automobile, 2 tank cars.

At various intervals, large quantities of lime and planks were transferred from the railroad tracks near the railroad station to Soviet Dzhulfa.

8-12 August
(report for 5 days)East and westbound, between Ordubad, Dzhulfa, and Nakhichevan: 4 trains made up of 69 passenger cars and 4 covered cars.

NIGHT

1 train made up of 21 cars.

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Sia Rud

3. The following rail traffic was observed at Sia Rud on the indicated dates:

4 August 2400 hours Westbound, Baku to Dzhulfa: 3 trains made up of 15 passenger cars, 56 boxcars, 1 tank car, 4 coal cars, 12 cars loaded with wood and poles, 6 cars loaded with boxes, and the remaining cars of the train were sealed.

Eastbound, Dzhulfa to Baku: 2 trains made up of 56 freight cars, 6 kerosene tanks (sic), 17 gondola cars, 13 passenger cars.

6, 8-10 August
(single report for 4 days)

Westbound, Baku to Dzhulfa: 3 locomotives, 1 yard engine, 10 trains made up of 54 passenger cars, 294 freight cars (39 of these cars bore kerosene tanks), 3 cars were loaded with trucks, 1 car was loaded with automobiles, 6 cars were loaded with boxes, 7 cars were loaded with sand, 2 cars were loaded with planks, 4 cars were loaded with iron materials, 34 cars were empty, 84 cars were loaded with stones, and the remainder were sealed cars. 10 trains (3 were pulled by 2 locomotives) made up of 56 passenger cars, 194 freight cars (2 were loaded with trucks), 1 car loaded with bricks, 5 cars of kerosene (sic), 3 cars loaded with boxes, 2 cars loaded with soldiers, and the remainder of the cars were sealed.

Lutfabad on the Eastern Border (37-33N, 59-17E)

4. The following rail traffic was observed at Lutfabad on the indicated dates:

4-8 August
(single report for 5 days)

Westbound, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: 23 trains made up of 22 passenger cars, 363 kerosene cars (sic), 332 kerosene cars, 332 freight cars of which 20 were loaded with brick, 15 carried wood, 49 cars were empty, 1 car loaded with square boxes, 2 cars loaded with jeeps.
8 trains, make-up unknown.

night

Eastbound, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: 28 trains consisting of 152 passenger cars, 179 kerosene cars; 453 freight cars of which 133 were empty, 5 were loaded with planks, 2 were loaded with bicycles, 8 were loaded with jeeps, 7 were loaded with coal, 15 were loaded with iron material, and the remaining cars were covered.
9 trains, make-up unknown.

night

8 August

A train which had been standing in front of Artik (37-36N, 59-16E) and presented a wall-like appearance departed - direction not stated.

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